## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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ARLENE CANNON and on behalf

of her minor daughter KARA CANNON, Civil Action No.: 02-3657

Plaintiff,

The Honorable James McGirr Kelly

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v.

NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER

**CORPORATION** (Amtrak),

:

:

Defendant.

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## JOINT MOTION TO ADJOURN PRETRIAL DEADLINES UNTIL AUGUST 14, 2003 TO ALLOW PARTIES TO ENGAGE IN MEDIATION

Plaintiff Arlene Cannon and Defendant National Railroad Passenger Corporation ("Amtrak"), through undersigned counsel, respectfully move this Court to adjourn the pending Pretrial Deadlines for a brief period of forty-five (45) days, until August 14, 2003, so that the parties may participate in mediation that will hopefully resolve this dispute short of trial.

The grounds for this motion are as follows:

- 1. On May 21, 2003, the discovery deadline was extended until June 30, 2003 in order to complete the deposition of plaintiff, Arlene Cannon.
- 2. On June 25, 2003 and June 27, 2003, defendant Amtrak completed the deposition of plaintiff, Arlene Cannon. Thereafter, the parties consented to engage in mediation.
  - 3. Good cause therefore exists for an extension of the pending pretrial schedule.

Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Court grant this motion and order that the current Pretrial deadlines be adjourned briefly until August 14, 2003 to allow the parties to participate in mediation.

4. A proposed Order accompanies this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the Joint Motion to Adjourn Pretrial Deadlines was served via fax and first class mail this 2nd day of July, 2003 on the following:

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